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PATENT APPLICATION  
SERIAL NO. 10/645,202

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul McAfee	§	
Serial Number: 10/645,202	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: August 21, 2003	§	
For: METAL BACKED UHMWPE ROD SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING SPINAL MOTION	§	Examiner: Richard Shaffer

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for making this response, and respond as follows: